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2015 Schedule of Meetings:

Sept. 2nd, Oct. 7th, Nov. 4th, and Dec. 2nd. 2016 Schedule of Meetings: Mar. 2nd, Apr. 6th, May 4th, June 1st, July 6th, Aug. 3rd, Sept. 7th, Oct. 5th, Nov. 2nd, and Dec. 7th.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m., meeting starts 7 p.m., at the Rockwood Public Library (inside Eramosa Community Centre) at 85 Christie Street (near corner Christie Street and Main Street North Wellington Road 27, Rockwood, On. NOB 2K0.

2015 Annual Membership Fee:

Regular \$10
Couple \$12
Junior (14 to age 18) \$5
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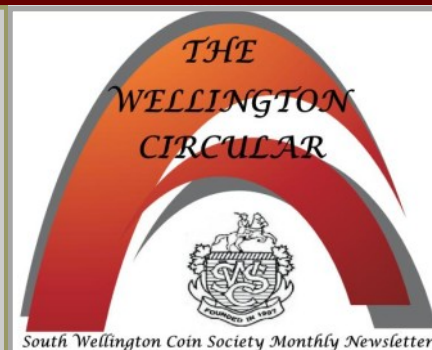


South Wellington
Coin Society

founded
in 1997



**NEXT MEETING DATE:
WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2015
DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.
MEETING STARTS **7 P.M.**
THEME: KHALISTAN**



Editor's Message

Our next meeting is Wednesday, **SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2015 AT **7 P.M.** (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)!** **Judy Blackman** is our education speaker, and her topic is **Sir Edward Thomason** inventor, artist, and medalist. As well, she says to expect some surprises!

See **IMPORTANT** notice on page 9, your help is requested for a local Guelph family!

Welcome to our three newest members, **Candice Chapman**, **Petra Hess**, and **Andrew Strachan**.



Once again SWCS is willing to try something new, that's why this club is "different" from the pack — we think outside of the box. **Mike Hollingshead** explained that on Aug. 19th, we will again go to the **Rockwood Farmers Market** at St. John's Anglican Church (close to lights at Saunders Bakery on lot bordered by Guelph St., Church St. and Alma St.—Hwy. 7). The market runs Wednesday afternoons from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. held outdoors in nice weather, and inside the church in poor weather. We will have a info table under a canopy (provided by **Lowell Wierstra**), to promote membership in SWCS and our upcoming show. If this is successful, we'll look at participating in more Wednesdays, but not the days we have our monthly club membership meetings. This is Rockwood's *first* farmers' market and it began on July 8, 2015 and will go up to and including Sept.30, 2015. Being fairly new, there were some organization struggles our first time out on Aug. 12th, but it can only get better from here. The **Rockwood Community Garden Association** spearheaded the initiative to foster local food awareness and support local farmers and artisans. The market co-ordinator is **Rabia Khan** who said "the vendors sell fresh produce, honey, maple syrup, baked goods and artwork." Thank you to our newly-minted SWCS Community Liaison **Heather Hoddinott** (**Peter's** Mom) for arranging this 'no-cost' opportunity to increase community awareness about our club. **Heather** once again, showed initiative with such a great idea! It would be nice to see more Rockwoodians at our meetings and this is a sure-fire way to bring them into the fold.

1715 Royal Gold King of Spain Phillip V Coin in Shipwreck

On July 27, 2015, Queens Jewels, LLC, a historic shipwreck salvage operation, confirmed it recovered 60 gold artifacts, 51 gold coins (including 1715 Phillip V), and 40 feet of ornate gold chain from a fleet of Spanish galleons which sank 300 years ago off Fort Pierce (Florida). They are closing in on the mother-lode worth \$400 million and including the Queen's jewels. The fleet had departed Havana (Cuba) on July 24, 1715 when a devastating hurricane hit July 31. The fleet was discovered by Queens 2 years ago.



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SWCS EXECUTIVE

Term of Office: **July 1, 2015—June 30, 2018 (3 yrs)**

Board of Directors (elected)

(sets officers guidelines, but not involved in day-to-day operations EXCEPT responsible for ALL education programs and looks after ALL contracts for venues and insurance)

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(run the day-to-day operations)

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(includes flyers, other club notices, newsletters, public website liaison, private website webmaster, executive agendas and minutes)

Other Non-Elected IMPORTANT Club Roles

ALL Multi-Media Needs: **John Semedo**

ALL Draws and Membership Meeting Notes: **John Semedo** and **Mike Hollingshead**

Show Bourse: **Mike Hollingshead** and **Lowell Wierstra**

Auction Chairman: **Lowell Wierstra** / Auctioneers:

Mike Hollingshead and **Scott Douglas**

Auction Runners: **Len Kuenzig**, and other available executive.

“Giving Back to Community” Liaison:

Heather Hoddinott

Hospitality, Mall Days and Kids’ Programs & Mentors:

Mel Brown and **Charles Turton**

Meeting Room Set-up and Clean-up:

All members present



Club Report & News reported by Mike Hollingshead**Here's SWCS August 5, 2015 Draws and Accolades:**

Montly Members Attendance Draw: Was he sitting at home pondering the *Toronto Maple Leafs'* prospects for 2015-2016? Or still in a funk from their 2014-2015 season in the basement? Maybe he'll come in September and tell us, but **Ryan Zmija** was AWOL for August when his name was picked which expands September's draw to **\$10**.

The King Arthur's Treasure contained a **70-item** equivalency and was won by **Peter Becker**. Don't forget to bring your 5 foreign coins / tokens / miscellany for the KAT draw. If you forget (heaven forbid) you can gain admission with a Looney (deemed to be a 5-item equivalent). KAT will continued at future meetings.

The Previous Door prizes which morphed into a 50-50 draw (did anyone really want all those cheesy nickel dollars and nickel P-L sets anyway) was an **\$18** jackpot for **Linda Blair**.

BIG NEWS!!! We are going to have a 50-50 draw at our September meeting, instead of door prizes, **BUT...THIS IS A BIG BUT...** we are replacing the door prizes and the 50-50 draw in October with a **NEW EXCITING game** learned from the **Greater Daytona Coin Club**. **Scott Douglas** will have instructions for our October new letter. This is going to be lots of FUN!!!! If the majority of those present like this new game, we will continue to use it at future meetings instead of the others.

Another first in Canada, once again SWCS comes out of the gate first!

Speakers / Presentations:**AUGUST'S EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION**

Scott Douglas shares, "The meeting for August was a huge success. The education presentation '*The Mysterious Banknotes of Khalistan*' by **Mike Hollingshead**, accomplished exactly what a solid talk should accomplish and that is leaving one with as many questions as answers. **Mike** sure did that as I had so many questions about this previously unknown banknote that I was still thinking about the talk as I drove home after the meeting. Well done **Mike!**" The set of Khalistan notes is a short set only 4 known denominations, the \$5, \$10 and \$50 notes are the three serial-numbered and the \$100 is unnumbered. The notes were actually designed to act as receipts for a fund-raising effort that began in 1982 in Surrey (British Columbia) but spread to England and India among the Sikh community. Unlisted in any major paper money catalogue they are tough to find and thinly traded. Where did they all go is anyone's guess. The talk included some history of the Sikh

people and their traditions. Mike has a knack for sharing rare finds from little known past and present countries. Good job Mike. Stayed tuned as he will be presenting another exciting topic in the fall. You can also learn more about Khalistan propaganda fund-raising notes further inside this issue.

2015 Upcoming Educational Program:

- Sept. 2: Sir Edward Thomason (Judy Blackman)
- Oct. 7: foreign coin topic tba (Sean Sinclair)
- Nov. 4: tba (Mike Hollingshead)
- Dec. 2: Coins / Medals about Christmas (Scott Douglas) PLUS we will forgo a gift exchange in lieu of bringing supplies for the Rockwood Food Bank and we'll also give them Wal-Mart gift cards too (like last year).

2016: we're looking for presenters from inside and outside the club on numismatic topics — we encourage new members and youth members to give it a try too, we'll assist you if you like. Speak with any member of SWCS executive if you would like to book a meeting date.

Another FIRST for SWCS!!!!

Numismatic education remains our **TOP PRIORITY** as a club! We have decided to save the money we spend twice a year for the 4 mall days; so we can apply it towards an **Educational Symposium** we would like to hold in Guelph (likely at the Holiday Inn) sometime in 2016.

Stayed tuned for more on this exciting step! Once again SWCS leads in innovative ideas!

The Wellington Circular Wins Award!

Club Report & News continued

SWCS's *The Wellington Circular* is recipient of the **RCNA Best Local Newsletter Award for 2014**. With the award in transit, the official presentation will take place at our September 2015 meeting; however, at our August meeting, we had a standing ovation give to our Editor **Judy Blackman** who in turns receives the accompanying **Best Local Newsletter Editor** recognition. These pictures are courtesy of **Peter Becker**.

Although **Judy** was quick to thank all her contributors (most notably **Scott Douglas** for his riveting series *Did You Know*), we know that the Lion's share of the work goes to her. As well, **Judy** is recipient of an **RCNA President's Award** for her contribution to the RCNA, especially her stepping in promptly when the *Numis Notes* editor left the position, until a replacement can be found. **Judy** was the original founding Editor of the *Numis Notes*. (Below L>R: **Lowell Wierstra**, **Judy Blackman**, and **Robb McPherson** who is the newly-elected RCNA Regional Director for Ontario South-Central (postal codes L, M and N).

Congratulations **Judy** for a long-deserved recognition and thank-you for all your efforts on behalf of SWCS specifically and numismatics in general.

**Monthly Auction:**

The commission charged to consignors: Sold for under \$20, auction fee is 25 cents and items sold for over \$20 fee is \$1. Pretty simple. No buyers premium, no sales tax. Bring your items to consign to the meeting or contact **Lowell Wierstra** at ljwierstra@rogers.com or call 519-824-6534!

Please use the new consignment form.

**Preparing To Celebrate 2017!**

2017 marks the **20th Anniversary of South Wellington Coin Society**, and the **150th Anniversary of Canada's** independence. The Canadian Federal Government has given the Canadian Heritage Department the mandate to organize July 1st Canada Day festivities in the capital. The Royal Canadian Mint is working on coins as you know from the design contest they have been running. SWCS will also find ways to celebrate the club's anniversary that year too. Other numismatic organizations likely have surprises up their sleeve too. Did you know there is a NEW group, the **1967 Canadian Centennial Collectors Club** of which 3 of our SWCS members are on the executive for that group: **Scott Douglas**, **Len Kuenzig**, and **Peter Becker**. Your Executive has been considering ideas such as issuing another medal, an overnight road trip for club members, and other options. Feel free to share your own ideas with any member of your executive.

Conventions Education Symposiums

Scott Douglas was involved in both the ONA education symposiums in 2015, and will be involved again in 2016 with both ONA and RCNA. This picture is courtesy of **Peter Becker**, taken in Halifax, is **Scott** on the left presenting a certificate to **Jeffery Wilson** who won two exhibit awards. The certificate is recognizing **Jeffery** as one of the 2015 RCNA Convention Symposium Speakers. **Jeffery** is a very experienced numismatist and has been involved in organized numismatics for 27 years, especially in the Atlantic provinces. His presentation was on *Nova Scotia Municipal and Commemorative Medals*. He is also the newly-elected RCNA Regional Director for Newfoundland, Labrador and Nova Scotia. **Scott** is very much focused on sharing numismatic knowledge with all collectors, particularly new collectors and especially youth. He is involved in many groups, particularly ones involving validating history, researching and developing archives. SWCS is proud to have its President helping to mold numismatic minds!



Isle of Man Commemoratives

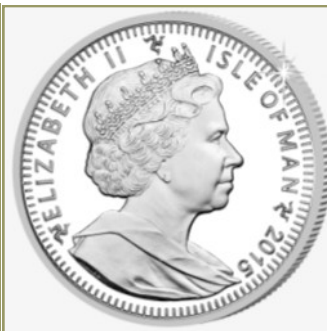
Battle of Waterloo 200th Anniversary

The Pobjoy Mint (U.K.) issued two stunning new Crowns, uncirculated unlimited Cupro-Nickel collector's coins commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo. The coins are 38.60mm diameter, weigh 28.28gm each, and come in a unique presentation pack. Issued on behalf of the Isle of Man Government the coins are available both individually and in this incredible collectable coin set released as part of the IOM series to commemorate the anniversary. The first coin featured here shows a portrait of the Duke of Wellington with the British Infantry Square in the background. The second coin features a portrait of Napoleon Bonaparte with the Charge of the Hussars shown in the background. The obverse of the coin bears an effigy of Queen Elizabeth II, Lord of Mann, by Ian Rank-Broadley FRBS. The Battle of Waterloo was fought as part of the Napoleonic Wars and it was at Waterloo (a village south of Brussels in Belgium) that Napoleon's French soldiers met the armies of Britain and Prussia. The battle took place on 18th June 1815 and this year sees the Bicentenary of this famous Battle. The pair of Crown coins are issued in Sterling Silver as well with a limited mintage of 10,000.



75th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain

To mark the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain, Pobjoy Mint released a Proof Sterling Silver Crown (plain and coloured) on behalf of the Isle of Man Government. The Battle of Britain is the name given to the Second World War air campaign instigated by the German Air Force (Luftwaffe) against the United Kingdom during 1940. This is IOM collector's coin itself features a British Spitfire flying over the White Cliffs of Dover with a German Messerschmitt on its tail. The obverse, diameter, and weight is the same as the Wellington commemoratives above. Similarly this Crown coin was issued in unlimited Cupro-Nickel and in limited mintage of 10,000 for the Sterling Silver (each of plain and coloured).



William Robert McColl (1855–1933)

Did You Know... that W. R. McColl created the List of Canadian, British, United States and Foreign Coins and Pattern Pieces, Paper Money etc. that would unwittingly become the most important reference for future collectors of Canadian Merchant Trade Tokens?

William Robert McColl was born in Sarnia, Ontario on December 6, 1855. When McColl was thirteen years old he left Sarnia Grammar School to begin as an apprentice in the successful dry goods store of T. and J.S. Symington in Sarnia. After 3 years McColl sought to further his apprenticeship with Robert Wanless at his Grocery, China and Glassware shop also located in Sarnia. Again after 3 years, and on the advice of his Sunday school teacher, McColl relocated to Forest, Ontario to work as a salesman in the dry goods store of Duncan McBain. While in the service of McBain, McColl (now a man of twenty one years) answered an ad in the Toronto Globe for a sales position in Oshawa, Ontario. Upon being the fortunate applicant out of a group of twenty three McColl worked for 2 years as a clerk before taking a step that would see him work for no one else but himself for the rest of his life.



In 1878 McColl married Lucy Jane Lee of Stratford, Ontario and the following year formed a partnership with his brother-in-law William T. Lee. The firm would be known as McColl and Lee. For the next 10 years these two young men built a successful business and strengthened a personal relationship that allowed them to make a bold move to relocate from Oshawa to Owen Sound, Ontario where both would become well respected citizens of their community each in their own way.

On September 12 1889 the Owen Sound Advertiser ran McColl and Lee's first ad. A short introduction was printed by the newspaper the Advertiser on page 2 stating in part *".....a large new dry goods establishment has been opened out next to Parker's Drug Store, Poulett Street, by Messrs. McCall (sic) & Lee. They have opened out seventy-five cases of new and seasonable goods which the public are respectfully invited to call and inspect."* Poulett Street was the thriving business street of the town and McColl and Lee were located at 143 Poulett St. in the Parker Block. Business was good and a short 3 years later, in 1892, McColl and Lee moved to larger premises. The new location was just a few doors up the road at 133-137 Poulett St. a building the firm had built for their purposes. The establishment of McColl and Lee were now to become known as "The Twin Stores". The building was set up like two separate stores but joined with a middle section.

During this time McColl was to become friends with another of Owen Sounds' well known and respected businessman Mr. George Holmes. Holmes was a successful photographer and had been born and raised in Owen Sound. He also, over time, came to own several of the buildings in the business area of town. George Holmes was also a numismatist himself likely introduced to the hobby by McColl.

McColl and Lee and the Twin Stores would survive 7 more years before both men after almost twenty years in business together would amicably split up and go their own way. William Lee remained in his half of the Twin Stores at 137 Poulett Street while McColl re-established himself at "The Old Post Office" building, one of the buildings owned by George Holmes. McColl would remain here for the next 5 years, from 1898-1903. In September 1903 McColl closed his business and would not return to the role of shopkeeper for some twenty-two years.

W.R. McColl and his wife Lucy were both very Christian people and were well established in the Knox Presbyterian church. McColl was an Elder of the church, along with George Holmes in 1896 until 1902. This would likely represent 2 terms of 3 years which was normal for the day. Later, on May 25, 1926 at a largely attended meeting of the Continuing Presbyterians in Owen Sound, the matter of constructing a new church was evaluated. W.R. McColl was one of a committee of ten created to canvass for funds.

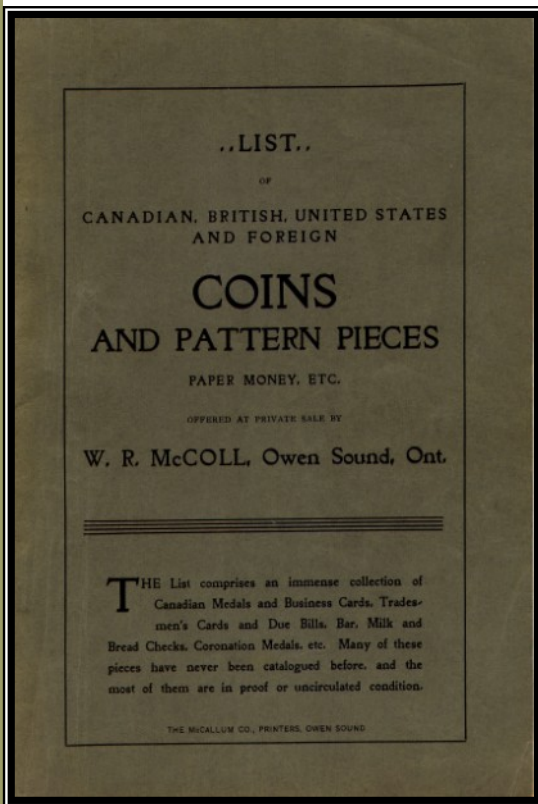
When Lucy McColl died on March 31, 1927 the Owen Sound Sun Times stated in part

".....Mrs. McColl was a member of the Knox Church up to the formation of the new St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church with which she had been identified for the last year and a half. Aside from her chief interest, her home, Mrs. McColl was deeply interested in the Ladies Aid of Knox Church for many years. She led a beautiful Christian life and endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact."

You will recall that W. R. McColl was influenced by his Sunday School teacher who had advised him to seek the job in Forest, Ontario.

It is not exactly clear when William McColl came to be interested in collecting coins and tokens but it would seem he was involved in this hobby at least from 1890 until he sold his collections in 1904. Given that religion was a large part of McColl's life it is only natural that he had more than a passing interest in Communion Tokens. In fact it is ironic that as collectors of Canadian merchant trade tokens we look to McColl's list as such a valuable guide to these tokens and yet when McColl made his own personal numismatist card he stated that he was a "Collector of Rare Canadian Coins / Medals and Communion Tokens" and didn't mention the merchant trade and advertising tokens of which he had a vast collection. Perhaps there wasn't room on the card or perhaps he coveted his Communion Tokens more. In any case it is this interest that may have lead to him being in contact with R.W. McLachlan in the first place. McLachlan wrote an early version of the catalogue 'Canadian Communion Tokens' in 1889-90 in the Canadian Antiquarian and Numismatic Journal.

During the year of 1902 McColl and McLachlan traded and bought and sold to each other (as well as others in the hobby) quite extensively. In January of 1903 a tone in McColl's letter is detected as follows; *".....yours to hand re medals but I will have to forgo the pleasure just now as I have too much to meet for the next two months....."*



Two months later McColl drops a bombshell in a letter to McLachlan stating in part *"My wife has got me to consent to part with my collection of coins and I sent away the first shipment of \$140.00 on approval today. If you have a want list which I can fill for cash send it on"*.

It was about this time, March of 1903, that McColl offered for private sale a "List of Canadian, British, United States and Foreign Coins and Pattern Pieces, Paper Money, etc.".

It would seem that the success of the McColl sale list was at best a failure. Very little of his material sold from this list. The entire collection of McColl's tokens were subsequently purchased by an Ontario collector, Fred Gillies of Brampton, for the sum of \$1400 in June of 1903. It has been speculated that the well known American collector Virgil Brand purchased much of McColl's American and British material but there is no proof to substantiate this claim.

In October 1904 Part I of the McColl collection went to auction through Geoffrey Charlton Adams of New York City and Part II took place in December of that same year. These sales mark the end of W.R. McColl's numismatic activities. McColl never returned to numismatics after he sold his collections. He gave up his membership in the American Numismatic Association in 1904 as well. McColl had joined in 1901 and was assigned number 254.

On Friday May 1st 1903 McColl ran his last newspaper ad. In September of 1903 W.R. McColl closed his business in Owen Sound (one reason was that the building he was in was sold to a local business man John Parson) and moved his stock to Berlin (Kitchener, Ont.) to start a business there. Whatever business venture he set out to begin it didn't meet his expectations and McColl was gone from this City in less than a year.

From 1904 until sometime in 1912 McColl entered a new stage in his life, that of the traveling salesman. McColl, armed with his book, window supplies and some 500 different window cards set out on the road with the aim of putting one of his books in every dry goods store in every town. According to McColl he had no competition and therefore never had a day he didn't do well.

On October 27, 1911 W.R. McColl's mother Isabella dies of 'Brights' disease or kidney failure. She was 82 years old. Just over 2 weeks later on November 12th 1911 his father Ronald dies of old age at 85 years. Both parents were still in Sarnia, Ontario where they had lived all of their lives. It was right around this time that McColl decided to leave the road and return to Owen Sound and possibly a more stable life once again. Perhaps a small inheritance from his recently deceased parents

made the decision easier. In any case W.R. McColl embarked on a completely different path in his life and at the age of 57 purchased the insurance business of R.R. Goldsmith in Owen Sound. In a few years McColl would also become a real estate agent. In December of 1916 William R. McColl was nominated for town council by H.R. Moffatt and J.C. Grier. The field was the largest ever with thirty-two nominations. McColl was not successful this time. However, in January 1918 W.R. McColl was to become the new town assessor along with Mr. John Reid. The appointment paid a salary of \$500.

Sometime around 1925 McColl sold his insurance and real estate business to Austin Scully of Owen Sound. Now seventy years old it only seems right he might consider retirement. However, McColl was now set to try something old. Returning to his roots McColl's Fair and Gift shop was founded on 2nd Avenue East (formerly Poulett St.). McColl had truly come full circle.

Winter in Owen Sound, as those familiar with the area can attest, can be very harsh and trying. So it was on Tuesday February 7th 1933 a brutally cold and blizzardy night when William Robert McColl, now a man of 78 years, closed up his shop and headed for his boarding house on 8th Street A East. The long 5 block (partly uphill) walk through this raging storm must have been too much for McColl. As he entered his boarding house he collapsed on a chair and died of a heart attack.

The following day the Owen Sound Sun Times described McColl as a well-known and admired businessman. They continued *".....the death of Mr. McColl will be greatly regretted by the business men of Owen Sound especially the merchants with whom he was so well acquainted, as well as by the hundreds who knew him personally."*

The Personal Numismatist Cards of W.R. McColl



'Numismatist'
correct obverse



'Numismatist'
error obverse



Common reverse of all
McColl cards



Brass reverse with
knurled rim



W.R. McColl had his personal numismatist cards made by the Chicago token manufacturing firm of C.H. Hanson and Co. Each piece has a population of 100. The way McColl explains it the firm created the 'numismatists' obverse in copper and aluminum. McColl claims he refused these pieces because of the error. Apparently C. H. Hanson told McColl they would correct the mistake if he were to order a new die and strike one more token. This would give McColl 5 different pieces and he would only have to pay for 3. The third token McColl ordered was made of brass and had a knurled rim as opposed to the beaded rim of the other pieces made of copper and aluminum.



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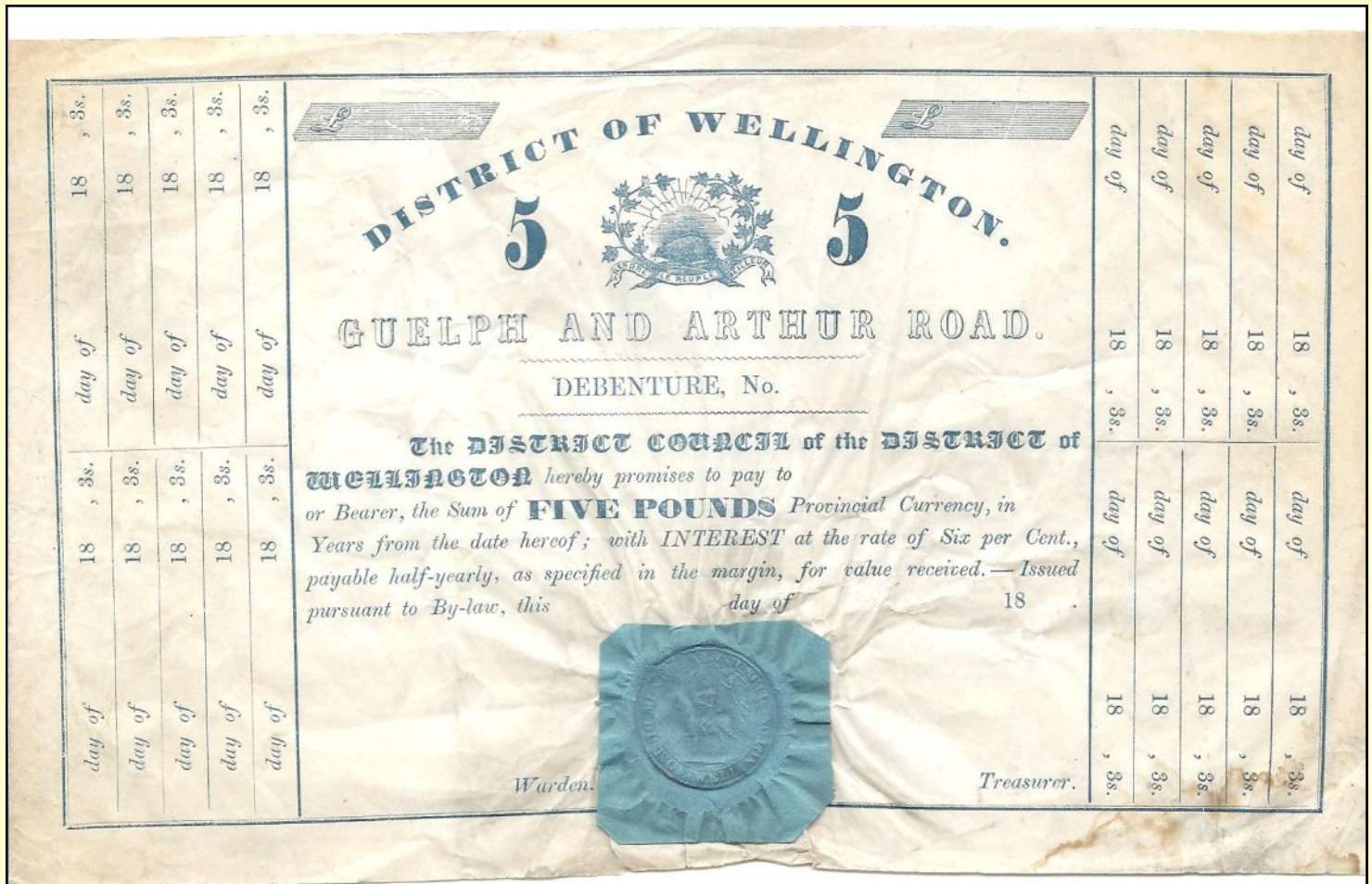
The only challenge to this token story is the recently discovered brass piece with the beaded rim of the original design. Was this a one off 'sample' and was it struck before or after the knurled rim pieces came to exist?

W. R. McColl is buried in Greenwood Cemetery February 10th 1933 in the LEE plot. Once again he was united with his brother-in-law William T. and his wife Lucy. His passing was mourned by his sister Margaret of Sarnia, Ont., his brother Joseph of Buffalo, N.Y. and his brother Jack of St. Louis, Missouri. There are no markings on any of the grave or foot stones to indicate McColl is interred there but cemetery records show that this is the case.

While little trace is left of W.R. McColl after death his *List of Canadian, British, United States and Foreign Coins and Pattern Pieces, Paper Money* etc. that he has left behind for all generations to come is some testimony to a man who locally became known as "Owen Sound's one best collector".

Please Keep Your Eyes Open For This MISSING VERY IMPORTANT Historical Note!!

This **5 Pounds District of Wellington 1850's debenture note** with the Wellington seal on it, is a one-of-a-kind which has belonged to a local Guelph family for over 40 years. The family is very anxious for the return of this note. Money cannot replace its significance. We ask all dealers and collectors to watch for anybody who attempts to sell or trade this note or display it, to immediately contact SWCS (particularly **Mike Hollingshead** or **Scott Douglas**). You may recall back in 2006 there was a SWCS article about this note printed in the ONA Numismatist, and there was a convention exhibit 'Road-building Scrip of Wellington County' in 2005 around it too. It was last seen in the North York—Mississauga area in June 2015.



In 1842, a group of enterprising Fergus (Ontario) 8 men (A.J. Fergusson, A.D. Ferrier, A.D. Fordyce, J. Davie, W.H. Parker, J. McCrae, J. Hodgert and J. Loughlin) formed a joint stock venture known as "The Guelph to Arthur Road Company" to build a road from Guelph northward — and incorporated the company in 1847. By 1848 only about 4 miles had been completed north of Guelph to Card's Corners. This section was taken over by the County shortly. In 1850 a by-law was passed by the District Council (Guelph) to grant a loan by debentures, payable at 3 and 5 years, to finish the Guelph to Arthur Road as far as Fergus. This printer's proof is on typically lightweight India paper and printed with a very light blue ink. A darker blue paper District of Wellington seal has been stamped onto the debenture. Note that British sterling is referred to, not decimal currency. It appears to be a "clippable", rather than a compounded interest bearing note. None of the actual issued debentures have been found to date, they may not have existed. This is from Queen's Bench and Practice Court Reports... [1844-1882] Volume 39 by J. Hillyard Cameron, Christopher Robinson, Sir James Lukin Robinson, H.C.W. Vethey, and Salter Jehosaphat Van Koughnet — confirms the purchase of the Guelph and Arthur Road Company in December 1864.

9. The county, by purchase from the **Guelph and Arthur Road Company**, which was incorporated by Special Act in 1847, acquired in December, 1864, that part of the said leading road, extending from "**Card's Corners**," near **Guelph**, to the south end of the Tower street bridge.

Propaganda Fundraising Notes

These are propaganda notes issued in North America to raise funds for Sikhs separatists in the 1980s. Khalistan refers to a global political movement to create a separate Sikh state called Khalistan, consisting of the Punjab region from parts of India and Pakistan. Currency for Khalistan was part of Surjan Singh Gill's campaign from Vancouver to promote a Sikh homeland. He also printed Khalistan passports. The Sikhs have sought independence from India since 1947, claiming territory from the Jamna River on the east to the border with Pakistan on the west. To publicize their demand for independence, Dal Khalsa (Sikh Empire—named after the Sikh army that operated in 17th and 18th-century Punjab), a fringe movement of the Akali Dal, printed propaganda banknotes in 1980 for the Republic of Khalistan advocating the formation of an independent Sikh state in the Indian Punjab. Akali Dal, a collection of disparate Sikh factions desiring more autonomy for Sikhs in India, does not generally support the separatist Khalistan movement. Dal Khalsa has active branches in the West. Their constitution states in part that Dal Khalsa is a social-religious-political organization of the Sikh nation. The primary goal of the Dal Khalsa is the establishment of self-rule for Sikhs. To the right is Bank of Khalistan –First Issue Signed by Khalistan Governor.

While the majority of the Akali leaders pursued the idea of a more empowered Sikh-majority state within India, some other Sikh leaders such as Jagjit Singh Chauhan pursued the idea of a sovereign Khalistan. Two years after losing the Punjab Assembly elections in 1969, Chauhan moved to the United Kingdom, and also went to Nankana Sahib in Pakistan to attempt to set up a Sikh government. He then visited the United States at the invitation of his supporters in the Sikh diaspora. On 13 October 1971, he placed an advertisement in the New York Times proclaiming an Independent Sikh state. After returning to India in 1977, Chauhan returned to Britain in 1979, and established the Khalistan National Council.

Operating from a building termed “Khalistan House”, he remained in contact with the Sikh religious leader Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale. Chauhan also maintained contacts among various groups in Canada, the USA and Germany. He visited Pakistan as a guest of leaders like Chaudhuri Zahoor Elahi. Chauhan declared himself President of the “Republic of Khalistan”, named a Cabinet, and issued Khalistan “passports”, “postage stamps” and “Khalistan dollars.” Apart from Punjab, Himachal and Haryana, Chauhan’s proposal of Khalistan also included parts of Rajasthan state.

In a politically charged environment, Lala Jagat Narain, the Hindu owner of the Hind Samacher group of newspapers, was assassinated by the Sikh militants on 9 September 1981. Jagat Narain was a prominent critic of Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale and a Congress leader. He had been writing about accepting Hindi instead of Punjabi as one’s mother-tongue by Hindus living in Punjab. On 15 September 1981, Bhindranwale was arrested for his alleged role in the assassination. Bhindranwale had earlier been a suspect in the murder of the Nirankari leader Gurbachan Singh, who had been killed in 24 April 1980 in retaliation for killings of conservative Sikhs belonging to the Akhand Kirtani Jatha.

Bhindranwale was released in October by the Punjab State Government, as no evidence was found against him. During this one month, some followers of Bhindranwale embarked on a violent campaign to obtain his release, attacking Hindus, derailing trains and even hijacking an aeroplane.

The Khalistani movement can be considered to have effectively started from this point. Though there were a number of leaders vying for leadership role, most were based in United Kingdom and Canada, and had limited influence. In Punjab, Bhindranwale was the unchallenged leader of the movement and made his residence in the Golden Temple in Amritsar.

Immediately after Operation Blue Star (an Indian military operation which occurred between 3 June and 8 June 1984,



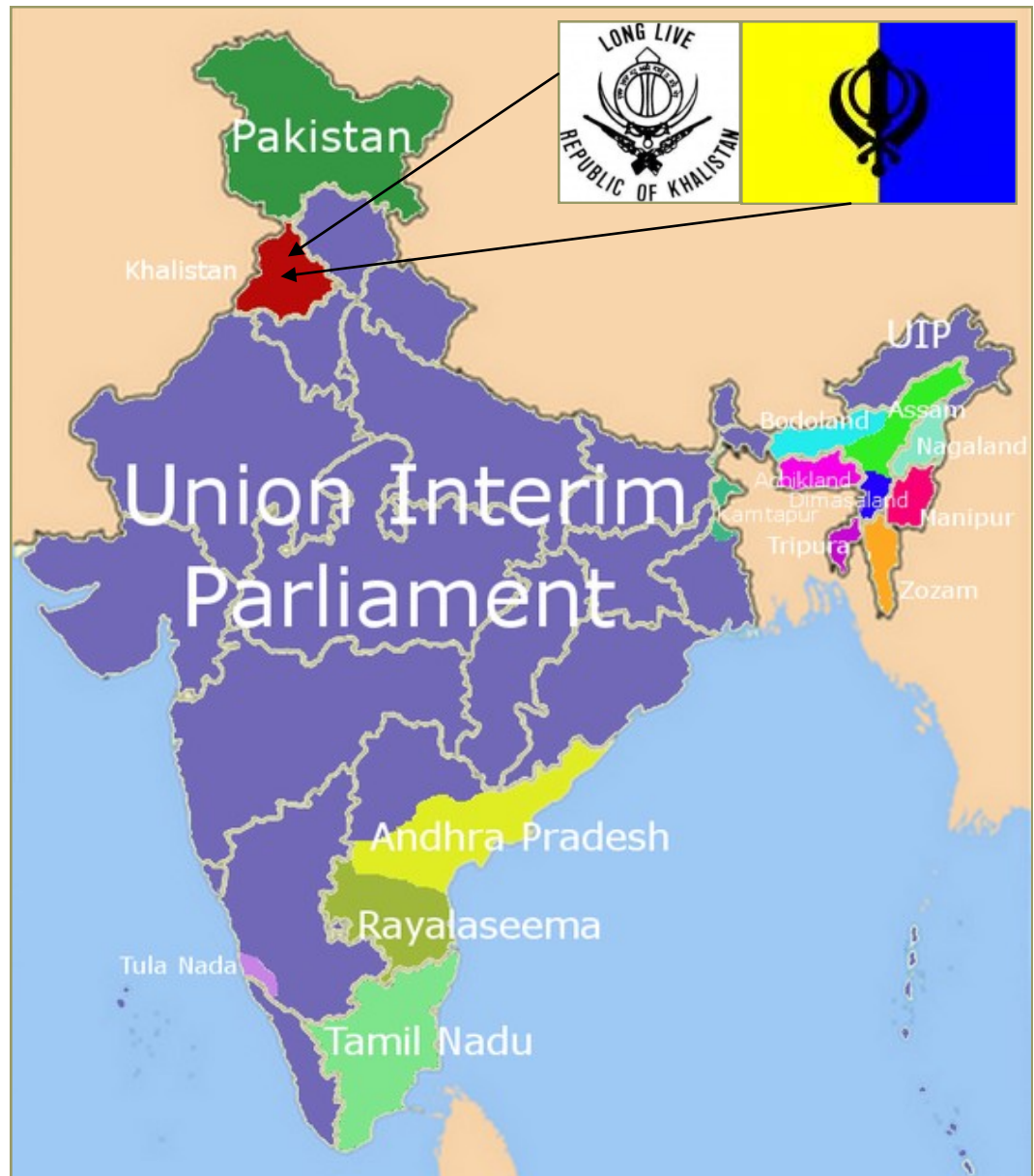
Ordered by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi), authorities were unprepared for how quickly extremism spread and gained support in Canada, with extremists "...threatening to kill thousand of Hindus by a number of means, including blowing up Air India flights." Canadian Member of Parliament Ujjal Dosanjh, a moderate Sikh, stated that he and others who spoke out against Sikh extremism in the 1980s faced a "reign of terror."

On 18 November 1998, the Canada-based Sikh journalist Tara Singh Hayer was gunned down by the suspected Khalistani militants. The publisher of the "Indo-Canadian Times," a Canadian Sikh and once-vocal advocate of the armed struggle for Khalistan, he had criticized the bombing of Air India flight 182, and was to testify about a conversation he overheard concerning the bombing. On 24 January 1995, Tarsem Singh Purewal, editor of Britain's Punjabi-language weekly "Des Pardes," was killed as he was closing his office in Southall. There is speculation that the murder was related to Sikh extremism, which Purewal may have been investigating. Another theory is that he was killed in retaliation for revealing the identity of a young rape victim.

Terry Milewski reported in a 2006 documentary for the CBC that a minority within Canada's Sikh community was gaining political influence even while publicly supporting terrorist acts in the struggle for an independent Sikh state. In response, the World Sikh Organization of Canada (WSO), a Canadian Sikh human rights group that opposes violence and extremism, sued the CBC for "defamation, slander and libel," alleging that Milewski linked it to terrorism and damaged the reputation of the WSO within the Sikh community. Canadian journalist Kim Bolan has written extensively on Sikh extremism. Speaking at the Fraser Institute in 2007, she reported that she still received death threats over her coverage of the 1985 Air India bombing.

In 2008, a CBC report stated that "a disturbing brand of extremist politics has surfaced" at some of the Vaisakhi parades in Canada, and The Trumpet agreed with the CBC assessment.

Two leading Canadian Sikh politicians refused to attend the parade in Surrey, saying it was a glorification of terrorism. In 2008, Dr. Manmohan Singh (pictured below), Prime Minister of India, Expressed his concern that There might be a resurgence of Sikh extremism.



Local / Special Coin Shows & Conventions

Local Clubs and Numismatic Associations Upcoming Shows

- **Aug. 30, 2015** – 26th Annual Woodstock Coin Show hosted by the **Woodstock Coin Club**, Goff Hall (Woodstock Community Complex), 381 Finkle St., Woodstock, On. N4S 2K3, Hours: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission \$1 (kids free), lunch counter, hourly draws, free parking. Contact Rick Johnson, phone 519-537-3858 or e-mail martjohn@execulink.com.
- **Sep. 20, 2015** – 23rd Annual London Coin Show hosted by the **London Numismatic Society**, Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Rd. (off Hwy. 401), London, On. N6E 1W1. Admission \$2. Hours 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Displays and dealers for coins, medals, notes and tokens. Contact Ted Leitch, phone 519-472-9679, e-mail tedleitch@hotmail.ca.
- **Oct. 2-3, 2015** – **Toronto Coin Expo** (partnered with Geoffrey Bell Auction Oct. 1-2), Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St., 2nd Flr., Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Admission \$6 (under 16 free). Buy-Sell-Trade-Appraisals: coins, banknotes, tokens, medals, militaria, bullion, jewelry. Contact Jared Stapleton, phone 647-403-7334, e-mail toronto-coinexpo@gmail.com.
- **Oct. 4, 2015** – Windsor Coin Show & Sale (sponsored by **Essex County Coin Club** and the **Canadian Diabetes Association** “CDA”), Riverside Sportsman Club, 10835 Riverside Dr. E., Windsor, On. N8P 1A5. Hours 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission with donation to CDA. Over 20 tables selling and buying Cdn. / US / World coins, tokens, paper money, coin supplies, militaria, bullion, collector coins galore, and vintage watches. Contact Dan Jones, phone 519-819-1805, e-mail djones33@cogeco.ca.
- **Oct. 18, 2015** – Stratford Annual Coin Show (sponsored by **Stratford Coin Club**), Festival Inn, 1144 Ontario Rd., Stratford, On. Hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Admission \$2 (under 16 free). Buy and sell coins, paper money, and tokens. Contact Larry Walker e-mail lswalker@cyg.net.
- **Oct. 24-25, 2015** – **TOREX Canada's National Coin Show**, Hyatt Regency Toronto, 370 King St. W., Toronto, On. Hours. Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$7 (under 16 free). Featuring Canada's finest dealers in Canadian, ancient, and foreign coins, paper money, coin and paper money supplies and reference books. Contact Brian R. Smith, phone 416-705-5348, e-mail brian@torex.net.

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Zimbabwe Offers NEW Exchange

shared by Mike Hollingshead

On June 12, 2015, Zimbabweans started exchanging “quadrillions” of local dollars for a few U.S. dollars, as President Robert Mugabe’s government discards its virtually worthless national currency. The Central bank took this step after years of hyperinflation which at one point reach 500,000,000,000%. Zimbabweans have until September 2015 to turn in their old banknotes, which some people sell as souvenirs to tourists. Bank accounts with balances of up to 175 quadrillion Zimbabwean dollars will be paid \$5 U.S.D. Those with balances above that level will be paid at an exchange rate of \$1 for 35 quadrillion. The highest – and last – banknote to be printed by the bank in 2008 was 100tn. It was not enough to ride a public bus to work for a week. The bank said customers who still have stashes of old Zimbabwean notes could walk into any bank and get \$1 for every 250tn they hold. That means a holder of a 100tn banknote will get 40 cents.





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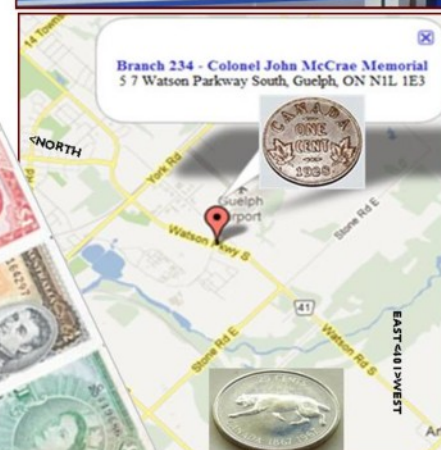
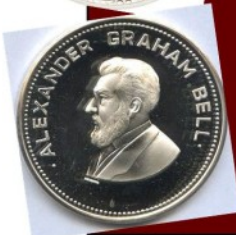
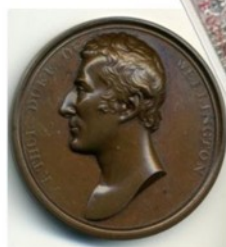
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all held at Branch 234— Colonel John
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May 6, 2017
May 5, 2018

Fall:
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September 23, 2017
September 22, 2018



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South Wellington Coin Society Wed., Sept. 2nd, 2015 Auction Sheet

		Trends / Mkt	Reserve	Your Bid	Winning Bid
1	Lot of 4 Australian 1939(m): XF-Penny Bronze, XF-Shilling .925 Silver, XF-6P .925 Silver, VF-XF-Florin .925 Silver	\$180.00	\$48.00		
2	Lot of 6 tokens: 1852-1860 Puerto Rico 1/4 Almond Brass used at coffee farm owned by Francisco Baco-Patxot, 1920s Woodmen of the World (WOW, Omaha, Nebraska) Copper One Penny - Dunn Tacet Clamat - KN191, 1891 Triet, Heiligen Rocks Church Token: 3 x 1997 Tetley Lost World dinosaur tokens - #4 Pachycephalosaurus, #3 Velociraptor, #8 Pteranodon	\$90.00	\$24.00		
3	Lot of 2 Limited Editions: Perth Mint 2013 colourized 2-coin dollar set, Lunar Good Fortune, mintage 1,500, .999 Silver Proof, Year of Snake: and Proof 2000 Gibraltor 160th Anniversary of Penny, £5 Titanium Crown Tuppenny Blue Coin, 36.10mm, 10gm, mintage 15,000	\$225.00	\$72.00		
4	Lot of 4 Australian Copper: 1996 S & C Sir Henry Parkes Centenary Unc Dollars, 1997 S & C Sir Charles Kingsford Smith Unc Dollars (C valued higher than S mintmarks) [Note: these commemoratives were issued in Silver, Copper, and Aluminium-Bronze]	\$60.00	\$15.00		
5	Canada 1954 one & two dollar notes - Modified Portrait, examine for the Serial number and signatures	?	\$ 4.00		
6	Canada 1954 one & two dollar notes - Modified Portrait, examine for the Serial number and signatures	?	\$ 4.00		
7	Canada 1954 five & ten dollar notes - Modified Portrait, examine for the Serial number and signatures	?	\$16.00		
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9	Canada 4 nickel half dollars 1968, 1970, 1973, 1974 (reserve is FV)	?	\$ 2.00		
10	Canada War of 1812 Laura Secord 10-pack 2013 quarters plain & coloured	\$ 4.75	\$ 3.00		
11	RCM Royal Military College 125th Anniversary 1876-2001 Five Cents .925 silver proof ASW 0.1591 oz	\$15.00	\$10.00		
12	Canada 1960 .800 Silver Voyageur Reverse Resumed dollar		\$12.00		
13	Canada 2014 WWII Wait for Me Daddy Proof-like two dollar coin		\$ 2.25		
14	Canada 1946 tube of 50 pennies (any MS-66 Red, in market its \$1.250)		\$ 1.00		
15	Canada 1942 Beaver 12-sided copper tomback five cents		\$ 1.00		
16	Canada 1939 Coronation (King Geo. VI and Queen Elizabeth) medal (size and composition? - was issued in gold, silver, tomback, and bronze 38mm and also 25mm bronze were issued to Canadian school children)		\$ 1.00		
17	Canada 1967 .800 silver Bobcat twenty-five cents		\$ 1.00		
18	Canada 1943 four Victory 12-sided copper tomback five cents		\$ 1.00		
19	Canada 1949 .800 Silver Twenty-Five Cents AU-50	\$12.00	\$ 5.00		
20	Canada 1968 .500 Silver Twenty-Five Cents Caribou (not Caribou resumed) nice tone		\$2.00		
21	Canada 1968 .500 Silver ten cents nice tone (which way is the axis ↑↑ or the rare only 6 certified ↑↑)		\$1.50		
22	Canada 1920 .800 Silver five cent	\$ 3.50	\$ 2.00		
23	Canada 1947 five cents (could it be Dot or ML)		\$ 1.00		
24	P.E.I. 1871 large cent (check it out maybe its the rare axis ↑↑)	\$15.00	\$ 5.00		
25	New Brunswick 1864 cent tail 6 damaged	\$ 8.00	\$ 3.00		
26	Canada 1953 two nickels NSF Far leaf	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.00		
27	Canada four different nickels 1936, 1929, 1947 and 1953 (is 1929 Near or Far, worth more if Far)	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.25		
28	Canada 1953 three nickels SF near leaf		\$ 1.00		
29	Canada 1954 three nickels SF	\$ 3.50	\$ 1.50		
30	Canada 1963 five cents proof like (PLs start at \$10 in market, what is the axis ↑↑ or the ↑↑)		\$ 1.00		
31	Canada 1973 unc dollar bill - Look at it to see serial number and signatures		\$ 1.50		
32	Canada roll of mixed nickels 1922 to 1937 (roll from collector's estate) (is 1922 Far, MS-63, if so, market is \$275)	proceeds to club	\$ 4.00		
33	Canada roll of mixed nickels 1923 to 1936 (roll from collector's estate) (is 1936 Far, MS-65, if so, market is \$1,200)	proceeds to club	\$ 4.00		
34	Canada roll of 1937 nickels (roll from collector's estate) (Dot and Dot matte in there?) (any MS-65, if so, market is \$275)	proceeds to club	\$ 4.00		
35	Canada roll of 1938 nickels (roll from collector's estate) (any MS-65, if so, market is \$9,000)	proceeds to club	\$ 4.00		
36	Canada roll of 1939 nickels (roll from collector's estate) (any MS-65, if so, market is \$650)	proceeds to club	\$ 4.00		
37	Canada roll of 1937 pennies (roll from collector's estate) (any matte in there?) (any MS-65, if so, market is \$60)	proceeds to club	\$ 1.50		
38	Canada roll of 1938 pennies (roll from collector's estate) (any MS-65, if so, market is \$65)	proceeds to club	\$ 1.50		
39	Canada roll of 1948 pennies (roll from collector's estate) (A-PTS-SDE, A-PTS-LDE, A-beta-LDE?)(depending MS-65 variety \$300-1,000)	proceeds to club	\$ 1.50		
40	Canada roll of 1962 pennies (roll from collector's estate) (any MS-65, if so, market is \$45)	proceeds to club	\$ 1.50		

Coins for auction call Lowell Wierstra at 519-824-6534

